



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business - Cooperative Service

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Rural Innovation Stronger Economy Grant Program

AGENCY: Rural Business - Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final Rule, confirmation

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service, a Rural Development agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), hereinafter referred to as “RBCS” or “the Agency,” published in the **Federal Register** on June 15, 2021, a final rule with request for comments. The Agency received no substantive comments, so this document confirms the final rule as published.

DATES: [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: RBCS published a final rule with request for comments in the **Federal Register** on June 15, 2021, at 86 FR 31585. The final rule implemented a newly authorized program enacted under the authority of Section 6424 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-334) (Farm Bill).

Within the preamble to the final rule, the Agency addressed each of the 11 substantive public comments received from the request for comments published on July 22, 2020, in the **Federal Register** (85 FR 44273) as well as two public listening sessions held on July 28 and July 30, 2020, and one listening session held on July 21, 2020, to receive comments from Agency staff. The final rule

allowed the Agency: (a) to address comments received from the request for comments and the listening sessions and (b) to implement the final regulation.

The Agency did not receive any substantiative or negative comments during the public comment period on the final rule and therefore confirms the rule without change.

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